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In re Application of: )  
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Joseph P. STEINER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1627  
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Application No.: 09/873,298 ) Examiner: J. Venkat  
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Filed: June 5, 2001 )  
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For: ROTAMASE ENZYME ACTIVITY )  
INHIBITORS )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract of the German Patent Application No. DE 44 25 950 A1 is enclosed. The Canadian counterpart (Canadian Patent No. 5,024,791) to German Patent Application No. DE 40 15 255 A1 also is enclosed.

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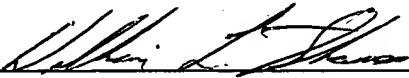
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1. Information Disclosure Statement
  2. PTO 1449 (8 pages)
  3. Copies of References Listed on PTO 1449 (34 U.S. Patents, 23 Foreign Patents, 87 Other Documents)

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